

**CITY OF WIXOM
49045 PONTIAC TRAIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present:

Mayor: R. Ziegler
Deputy Mayor: P. Beagle
Councilmembers: K. Gottschall
N. Kennedy
B. Leder
T. Rzeznik
R. Smiley

AGENDA CHANGES: (None)

MINUTES:

CM-07-114-18: Moved and seconded by Councilmember Kennedy and Deputy Mayor Beagle to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of July 10, 2018.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.) **Notice of Hearing for the Electric Customers of DTE Electric Company – Case No. U-20162**
- 2.) **Memorandum Concerning Emergency Repairs to a Police Department Patrol Vehicle**

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments at this time.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

1.) Departmental Monthly Reports - June 2018

Deputy Mayor Beagle asked about the work done on the pump in the pond at City Hall. He thought we had replaced those pumps recently. Mr. Sikma explained that there was a problem with one already. The suction pressure drops way down after we get a lot of debris coming through the pump. If the screen doesn't get cleaned quickly enough, it could burn the pump. Now we have ordered a switch that will shut the pump off once it hits a certain pressure.

Councilmember Kennedy asked if we have increased the maintenance program on the screening. Mr. Sikma replied yes. It is typically checked three or four times a day.

Councilmember Rzeznik commented that the June 2018 Water/Wastewater Report showed that we had a fecal exceedance due to the power quality issues. He

wondered if that was due to power outages. Mr. Delaney said that we have been having some power quality problems and that affects the electronics we use for the UV disinfection system. On Thursday, June 28th, they experienced another issue where they had a brownout at the plant. Some of the primary equipment that protects the system was already damaged in previous power outages. That led to a total failure of the UV system. From June 28th until July 20th, he had been working with the manufacturer, as well as Kennedy Industries, on a complete overhaul of the UV system. Councilmember Rzeznik asked if the UV system had to be replaced as a result of this and Mr. Delaney replied yes. It wasn't getting enough power and it was not communicating back to the PLC. The PLC was not able to calculate the dosages, so lamps weren't coming on or burning up, the cards were burning up and there was some arcing inside the control cabinet. We are at about 80% right now and we've been able to reduce our fecal numbers, but there are still some communication issues with other pieces of equipment that are related to this. We had 18 fans burn up all at one time and he didn't have an explanation as to why because the power supply seemed to be in okay condition.

Councilmember Rzeznik said it looked like the maintenance cap expenditures were exceeded in May and June. It seemed like a lot of things needed to be replaced recently. Mr. Delaney said that was correct. The UV system resulted in increased costs at the end of June and into July. Councilmember Rzeznik asked if DTE was assisting in getting this root cause fixed so we don't have the same issues in July and August. Mr. Delaney said he was working with Jeff Townson who was the primary supply representative. He was also working with the DTE Substation to try to get some early warning detection system in place. He thought we were making some progress.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CM-07-115-18: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Smiley and Rzeznik to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included:

- 1.) Approval to receive and file:
 - a. Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of April 9, 2018
 - b. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of June 11, 2018

Vote:

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) **Consideration of the Mayoral Appointment of Amanda Habbouche to the Wixom Downtown Development Authority with a Term to Expire June 30, 2022**

CM-07-116-18: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Rzeznik and Kennedy to appoint Amanda Habbouche to the Wixom Downtown Development Authority with a Term to Expire June 30, 2022.

Mayor Ziegler introduced Amanda Habbouche. Ms. Habbouche, 49175 Pontiac Trail, said she was very excited to be able to contribute to the City of Wixom. From what

she could see, everyone has done a fine job of making the City great. She cares a lot about the success of the City.

Vote:

Motion Carried

2.) Consideration of a Contract with Trivium Racing, Inc. for Timing Services Associated with a 5K and 10K Race to be Held on May 4, 2019 and Allow the Mayor and Clerk to Sign the Contract on Behalf of the City

CM-07-117-18: Moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Beagle and Councilmember Kennedy to approve a contract with Trivium Racing, Inc. for timing services associated with a 5K and 10K race to be held on May 4, 2019 and allow the Mayor and Clerk to sign the contract on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Gottschall mentioned that during this past race, around the Highgate and Loon Lake Elementary School area, there were people running on both sides of Loon Lake Road. He wasn't sure who made the course and signage but thought that should be addressed. Ms. Barker explained that we had an over-zealous volunteer who thought he could help by changing a couple of the signs. He said if we put him back in that area next year, he wouldn't do that.

Vote:

Motion Carried

3.) Recommendation to Approve a Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Agreement with Anthem at Tribute Association Located in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to Sign the Agreement

CM-07-118-18: Moved and seconded by Councilmember Gottschall and Deputy Mayor Beagle to approve a Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Agreement with Anthem at Tribute Association located in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and Authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to sign the agreement.

Councilmember Rzeznik disclosed that he owns property within Anthem at Tribute. The last time this came up, he consulted with the City Attorney and she said that since there was no financial gain to be made by him he was welcome to stay. He said that if the Council decided, he would leave the room during this discussion. The Council agreed there was no conflict of interest and he should stay.

Mr. Sikma explained that when the sanitary sewer was constructed, they needed to cross under a storm sewer that existed. The sewer drops below the storm and comes back up. In that process, the water fills up and flushes every time there is enough water to get through it. It needs to be cleaned so we make sure we don't have backups further upstream from there. Every six months we do a sewer cleaning. Because it benefits Anthem at Tribute, we will be invoicing them for that cost.

Councilmember Gottschall didn't see where it called for the frequency of the cleaning and the invoicing in the Agreement. Mr. Sikma said that the Agreement

says twice a year. Councilmember Leder asked about the terms of the Agreement. Mr. Sikma replied that it was perpetual. Mr. Brown added that it was capped by regular charges that the homeowners' associations could experience if they contracted for it.

Vote:**Motion Carried****4.) Recommendation to Accept a Bid from D'Angelo Brothers Construction of Farmington, Michigan, to Install Water Mains for Interconnecting the Water System for a Price not to Exceed \$263,559.00**

CM-07-119-18: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Smiley and Rzeznik to accept a bid from D'Angelo Brothers Construction of Farmington, Michigan, to install water mains for interconnecting the water system for a price not to exceed \$263,559.00.

Mr. Sikma stated that D'Angelo Brothers Construction is the City's water main and sewer main installer and they do all our taps. A couple months ago, the Council extended their contract for another two years. They had a pricing for underground work for the tunnel and water main to go under I-96. We wanted to get this in as soon as possible. Our concerns were making sure MDOT was satisfied with the contractor. Bidding this out was difficult because there was a lot of risk involved. He worked with HRC and D'Angelo to get the best price. Additionally, we utilize the pricing from Oakland County for the Wall Street water main, which will go from the water tower back to Wall Street. We will get our loop for Wall Street and we will extend underneath I-96 so we will eventually have a loop there as well. There will be two mains coming south of I-96.

Councilmember Gottschall clarified that this was just putting the water main in under I-96 and it was ending at Wilson Marine. Mr. Sikma said that was correct. At this point, we are just getting it across the expressway because that was the major stumbling block for the area. We are looking forward to the developments along Twelve Mile and we think we will have that interconnected all the way back to Taco Bell or Sam's Way. Councilmember Gottschall asked if there was a line currently that runs along the road on the other side. Mr. Sikma replied no. The closest water main there is Twelve Mile. He thought that area was close to getting developments. This was one step closer to making sure that happens. Councilmember Gottschall said that when we initially started talking about this, someone mentioned a special assessment district for those properties. He wondered if we were paying for this out of the Capital Improvement fund and not looking into the Special Assessment District any more. Mr. Sikma said this was a Capital Improvement that had been included in the Ten Year Plan. We pushed it out for almost 20 years. He thought the development in that area would get the rest of that loop soon.

Mr. Brown thought this water main would facilitate that economic development and make it easier to happen. It would allow us to get some financial benefit from those additional tax dollars that would come with new development.

Councilmember Gottschall didn't disagree. He said that when we were first starting to talk about the extension and how to fund it, someone had thrown out special assessments for those lots. Mr. Sikma commented that if the lots themselves don't generate the water mains that we are expecting, we would consider that to make sure the loop exists within the next few years. Councilmember Gottschall clarified this was to finish the infrastructure. We are not concerned with it right now, but if no development happens and we want to finish the loop, we would look at it more. Mr. Sikma said that was correct.

Councilmember Rzeznik imagined this would be a horizontal bore. He asked if there would be any traffic disruption when this work was done. Mr. Sikma replied typically, no. There are certain distances and they have to track it. That was why there was an MDOT factor. We are recommending a HDPE line going under, which is a single line with no casing. Those are a little stronger when boring. Councilmember Rzeznik clarified they would dig it out at the end of Wall Street. Mr. Sikma said that was correct. He added it will be a 12-inch pipe.

Councilmember Smiley asked why we would have trouble getting bids. Mr. Sikma said that this was a dangerous project, but when you are going under an expressway, we want no closures. It makes MDOT nervous and it makes contractors nervous because they could end up damaging the expressway. That was why they wanted someone who was very experienced. Councilmember Smiley said that this would spur economic growth and he asked if this was due to the improved infrastructure. He asked Mr. Sikma to elaborate on the economic growth. Mr. Sikma said that from Stingers to the Wixom side of Twelve Mile, there are only two developments - a child daycare center and Wilson Marine. He thought there are three properties that will go in if we can spur this along. The sanitary sewer already exists there so the next thing is the water.

Vote:

Motion Carried

5.) Recommendation to Accept Hubbell, Roth, & Clark's Proposal for Construction Engineering Services for the Wall Street Water Main Installation in an Amount not to Exceed \$11,140

CM-07-120-18: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Rzeznik and Smiley to accept Hubbell, Roth, & Clark's proposal for construction engineering services for the Wall Street Water main installation in an amount not to exceed \$11,140.

Mr. Sikma indicated that when we first requested to have HRC design this project, we had just the I-96 portion of that. Based on the pricing we got back, we tacked on the Wall Street project because we needed that as well. It was within a two year period so we wanted to do this. HRC was able to design it with the I-96 project, so they were saving money. The only issues are the construction engineering to make sure everything is installed properly on Wall Street and there are some easement items there that they will help us with. This leaves a short fall of \$11,140.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Russ Meredith, 378 Fletcher, thanked the Wixom Police and DPW for being part of a traffic safety study on Fletcher. He said his neighbors appreciated this study. He hoped they could come up with a solution to control some of the speeding issues. He mentioned that he had only lived in the City of Wixom for a little over a year but really liked the City and hoped to stay. He was aware that Councilmember Rzeznik brought up the notion for a columbarium to be installed in the City of Wixom Cemetery. He indicated that he and his wife were in favor of this and hoped the City Council would request that the Cemetery Board look into the feasibility of establishing a columbarium within the City's cemetery. He believed that a columbarium could be installed and the cemetery would remain just as beautiful. He felt a columbarium would allow people another option.

Mayor Ziegler supposed a columbarium was a good idea. He thought this may be something that could be addressed by the administration because the Cemetery Board only met once a year.

Councilmember Rzeznik pointed out that Ed Lynch of the Lynch Family offered to make a presentation of the costs, designs and features of a columbarium to the City.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Brown mentioned that Camp 911 would be held from July 30 through August 3, 2018. He invited the Mayor and Council to attend the graduation ceremony for the Camp graduates on August 3, 2018 at 11 a.m. He congratulated Monica Raddatz and her husband, Zachary, on their baby. He noted that the Clerk's office would be open on Friday, August 3rd, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the purpose of accepting Declaration of Intent forms for Write –In Precinct Delegates. They would also be open on Saturday, August 4th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for accepting Absentee Ballot Applications. He congratulated everyone on their work anniversaries this month. He mentioned that Ms. Stamper and Louie McKaig were celebrating 21 and 22 years of service.

Councilmember Smiley asked Mr. Brown to explain what happened at the Walled Lake City Council meeting he attended recently. Mr. Brown said he attended the Walled Lake City Council because there were some items on their agenda relating to the development of the Michigan Airline Trail. The City of Wixom was serving as the lead agency, application initiator and the recipient of grant funding for the Michigan Airline Trailway project. As part of the grants they made applications for, the City of Wixom was required to front money on projects. He said that they had prior agreements with the individuals involved that said they would provide their portion of the costs but those agreements did not say how or when they would pay the City of Wixom back for their portion. The City of Wixom had a new Cost Participation Agreement drawn up and it was being considered at the Walled Lake City Council meeting. He mentioned that it was on a previous agenda but it was not passed. He thought it best he attend the meeting as it was being reconsidered; therefore, he could provide additional information if they had any questions. They were fortunate to have the Cost Participation Agreement pass by the Walled Lake City Council this time. He explained that this Agreement indicated those communities pay their portion of the expenses for the Trailway back to the City of

Wixom within 30 days. He said the other Trailway item on the Walled Lake Council Agenda was in regard to long term funding for the Trailway. They ended up agreeing to put a 0.5 millage before their voters on the November 2018 Ballot to fund the Airline Trailway.

Councilmember Smiley mentioned that the Agreement passed by a 4 – 3 vote. He appreciated Mr. Brown attending the meeting because he would like to think that his presence made the difference in the vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Smiley said the Hot Blues and BBQ was a successful event. The weather was good and he appreciated the work of the Parks and Recreation Department - Kathy, Deanna, Cindy and Melissa. He encouraged the all voters to come out and vote in the Primary Election. He highly recommended kids attend Camp 911. He wished Mr. Brown a Happy Birthday.

Councilmember Gottschall had no comments.

Councilmember Leder wished Mr. Brown a Happy Birthday.

Councilmember Kennedy wished Mr. Brown a Happy Birthday and thanked him for attending the City Council meeting in Walled Lake on the City of Wixom's behalf.

Councilmember Rzeznik wished Mr. Brown a Happy Birthday. He thought the Hot Blues and BBQ event was fantastic. He saw people dancing and the weather was great. He thanked Deanna and her team for their hard work. He indicated that he had seen a noticeable effect on the TSI from the Wixom Police Department. He hoped to receive more statistics from Director Moore at the next meeting regarding this program. He said that he felt sad to see the Holiday Markt event go away. He was aware that the Parks and Recreation Commission had struggled with this event for some time. He mentioned that when they envisioned this event about fifteen years ago, they hoped it would turn into a world class event. He noted that the City of Birmingham started a similar event around the same time as Wixom started the Holiday Markt and their event turned into a world class event with fifty vendors and participation from area businesses. He was happy that the Holiday Markt was going to be redirected and changed up so it could get more participation. He felt that any project without a champion was doomed for failure. He hoped they could get a champion when the east retail and VCA are built so they could reestablish a world class winter event for the City. He believed the City already had a great event in the spring because of Founders Day, and the summer had a great event with Lite the Nite, and the fall Panther Hunt was a great too. He felt sad to see the City's winter event go away. He knew that everyone was aware that he was one of the champions, along with Karen on the Parks and Recreation Commission that tried to establish the Holiday Markt within the City of Wixom. He said that he would watch it become redeveloped and hopefully reconfigured into an event of which we could all be proud.

Deputy Mayor Beagle felt that Camp 911 was a wonderful program. He thanked the employees that were celebrating work anniversaries this month. He thanked Amanda Habbouche for volunteering to be part of the Downtown Development

Authority. He thanked Deanna, Melissa, Kathy and Cindy for their work on the Hot Blues and BBQ. He thought everyone had a great time and enjoyed the band. He believed the Parks and Recreation Commission was doing a knockout job with the concerts this year. He wished Mr. Brown a Happy Birthday. He was excited to see that Wixom made the news with a potential water park coming to the area of I-96 and Beck Roads. He was excited to see that develop as he felt it was another gateway to the City of Wixom.

Mayor Ziegler echoed the Deputy Mayor's comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Catherine Buck
City Clerk

Approved 8-14-2018
